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Title: PREWETTING STOP FLOW TEST STRIP

DECLARATION OF INVENTORSHIP

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

We the undersigned, declare as follows:

1. We have reviewed U.S. Patent No. 6,528,323, entitled "BIDIRECTIONAL LATERAL FLOW TEST STRIP AND METHOD" on which Robert K. DiNello is a coinventor. We have also reviewed the claims pending in the present application.

2. We understand the Patent Office is relying on U.S. Patent No. 6,528,323 in the current Office Action as teaching the claimed invention. We are the original joint inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified application and of the unclaimed subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,528,323 relied upon by the Patent Office. Richard M. Thayer, George H. Sierra and Henry J. Wieck who are listed as coinventors on U.S. Patent No. 6,528,323 and are not named as inventors on the present application did not conceive of the subject matter claimed in the present application.

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3. We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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